Abstract of the Disclosure:

The method of design of a golf club with a hosel reinforcement bridge is disclosed. This reinforcement bridge helps stabilize the golf club at impact; preventing miss hits from the twisting of the club head.

Thill lacks a hosel having a generally upwardly open hosel bore. Saso discloses a hosel having a generally upwardly open hosel bore (Figs. 2, 5). In view of the publication of Saso it would have been obvious to modify the wood type head of Thill to have a hosel having a generally upwardly open hosel bore in order to secure a shaft inside the bore when assembling a club.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. In order to overcome the prior art of record the examiner recommends adding the following at the end of claims 1 and 5 right before the punctuation mark of the period. (-- wherein said club head comprises a wood-type club head in which the hosel reinforcement bridge extends from the hosel to the upper surface of the club head, wherein said bridge forms a protrusion from said upper surface with said space extending higher than said upper surface --). In addition, claims 2-4 and 6-9 would have to be canceled. If the examiner found no better art in an updated search than claims 1 and 5 would be allowable.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jackson and Devendorf disclose cylindrical spaces beneath bridges.

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